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| For:                    |   | METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONDUCTING A TRANSACTION BETWEEN<br>TRANSACTION PROCESSING SYSTEMS |

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

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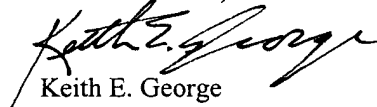
In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicants hereby claim the priority of:

**Japanese Patent Application JP 2003-092269, filed on March 28, 2003.**

cited in the Declaration of the present application. A certified copy will be filed in due course.

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